THE OMAHA BEE. THE PRICE OF DORA'S GOLD!

BY S. ANNIE FROST.

If you had half the sprit of a man, you would go too !" Poor John Raynor had heard this so often in the last two weeks that at last he was roused to answer.

"See here, Dora," he said, pulling times since this expedition was talked about, now tell me if you her was gone.

want me to go." Dead silence on the part of Dora. "I have been working hard for five years to clear off the mor'gage upon the a m that I might have a home for you," continued John, earnestly, "and it is mine now, clear of debt. We are not rich, but I am strong and not af aid of work, and you have been brought up a

farmer's daughter, and know the

duties of a farmer's wife Six months

ago you were happy as a bird, my bride and darling, but now"— "Now," interrupted Dora, 'I see an opportunity for you to become rich in a few months instead of toiling and slaving for life, as your father and my lather toiled and slaved to make a bare living by farming. They tell us that gold can be picked up at the Black Hills in pockettuls at a time."

"Well." "And we could be rich. We could

before him, her little figure drawn it to you. erect, her big blue eyes flashing her Throug cheeks with excitement.

"And it would make me happy?" asked John wistfully. "Yes! Of course it would! Who would not be happy with plenty of money ?"

"There are two sides to the question," said John, quietly. "The Indians have the right to keep us off this promising gold country, and Raynor's scalped head!" "Oh, if you are afraid to go, that

ends it !" Dora said, quickly. It was a cruel speech, and it stab-bed the honest, loving heart of John Rayhor to the core. He was no coward, but a strong, brave mar, with a noble nature, but he was fond worked so faithfully to clear of debt, after he decided to join the goldand of the wife he had loved for seekers. five long years.

Only six mouths had passed since pride in winning for her.

Then the young men of the vil expedition to the Black Hills.

Dora's brother, Tom Haven, was gold fever." the prime mover in the scheme, and "And a better husband than John coming every day to lay all his never lived," Mr. Haven would say, nis sister. he had inspired her with the same till you drove him off!" feverish thirst for gold that was driving him from home to brave the bouse, Dora could gather no comfort

work hard, to own but little finery, her mistress half frantic by her to live upon plain fare, Dora set a sincere lamentations for the master. fictitious value upon the delights of Night after night, kneeling to wealth. She built gorgeous air- pray for John's safe return, Dora castles founded upon the few works | felt the agony of self-reproach grew of fiction she had read, and dreamed keener and keener. of an existence to which that of a For 1 had come to this very s on. princess in a fairy tale would have that the longing for wealth, the been dull and prosaic.

a gentle:

"I'm well content here, Dora, darling wife!"

him to go. "She thinks more of the gold than

of me!" he thought, rising heavily

erable hole, I suppose I can put up | trembling lips : with it."

"I will go!" He spoke the three words with stern emphasis, and left the room. His heart seemed breaking.

For five years he had had but one dream for the future. Father and mother lay in the churchyard, prothers or sisters he had none, and the entire love of his heart was given to pretty Dora Haven. He was burdened with debts his father is"left for his sole legacy, his home was heavily mortgaged, and he would not ask Dora to share in the privation and toil by which he freed him. self. And when at last he could ask her to come and brighten the home he had made for her, it had seemed to him his cup of happiness

gathered in their lover stro is, and a silence we were going home, and Dora had made them into wreaths while he spoke the crack of a rifle bunches to bring with told us the Indians were upon us.

He was but a simple farmer, not

or castle building.

Thoroughly content to live as his will tell you later of bow I managed, father and grand-father had lived but"before him, he could not comprehend the visions filling Dora's ima-

gination. He haif hoped yet that she would his wife down upon his knee, and urge him to give up his intention you a rich woman. Now, I must holding her fast, "do you mean and remain at home, and yet he go back to mot er, but I will bring holding her fast, "do you mean and remain at home, and yet he go back to mot en that? You have said it about fifty knew that her content with the her back, at once." humble happiness he could give

But Dora, though frightened twenty times a day at the success of her taunts, would not speak the words he hoped to hear

Very rapidly the preparations were made to depart, for the others were nearly ready, and the little ones there, to hasten his paren s nest egg at the bank was all gon be- back to the farm, where his widownest egg at the bank was all gon before John Raynor was fully equipped as a miner.

"if you do not wish to go"-"It is too late for that!" he said, harshly, and then hearing the approaching train, his face softened.

Through a mist of tears she saw him follow the others into the car and then joined the groups of weeping women who had come upon the same sorrowful errand as her own. Letters came but rarely John's

hard hands could guide a plow far m re easily than they could wield a pen, and when he wrote his eputles were brief, though loving. As the expedition went further and further they defend its passes. It may be from the borders of civilization, the your bag of gold will be only John communications became less frequent.

But from the hour when the train carried John out of sight, Dora's punishment began. The cosy home his love had fitted up for her was a naunting reproach, and the excitement of Tom's visits over, memory began to recall all John's love and of his home, of the farm he had the change that had come upon him

It was no comfort to cross the lots and go to her old home, for there his wedding day, when Dora seem- bir. and Mrs. Haven bewailed Tom's ed entirely happy in his love, and in absence, and gave Dora round scoldthe cosy nest he had taken an honest ings for encouraging him in his crazy expedition. 'L'ke as not we'll never see either

lage of Topham became smitten one of them again, or know how with the gold fever, and about a they died." Mrs. Haven would dozza of them resolved to form an | moan, rocking herself to and fro, "a good son Tom was, till he got the

"and you gave him

And going back to her desolate the toils and perils of the expedi-tion.

In the old dreams. Nannie, her only servant, would bring her knit-ting to the sitting room, and drive

hope of being a great lady, all faded And with her head full of these away, and the desolate wife's only airy visions, it provoked her past all prayer was for her husband's return. patience that that John was content A whole year passed away, and to follow his plow, to eat greens and the miners had not returned. A bacon, and wear coarse clothing, as wee snowdrop of a baby came to lie ne had done all his life. He would for one brief week upon Dora's listen to all Tom's glowing de- breast, and then leave her. Occascriptions of the expedition with a sionally the newspapers that came grave, quiet face, sometimes speak- irregularly to the village, told of dising a word of caution or warning aster and death in the gold regions that fell upon deaf ears. He would but never were the names of the answer all her hints and taunts by party from Topham in the list, and

Dora hoped against hope. Winter snows were lying over the with my life-long home and my farms, and lifteen months had dragged out their weary length since But at last he was roused, not to John Raynor had left his home. A any hope such as spurred the others pale, wasted shadow of Dora moved on, but to the fact that Dora wished listies-ly about the farm-house, and Nannie muttered often:

"She'll not be long after her husof me!" he thought, rising heavily from the chair and speaking slowly.

"Since you wish it, Dora, I will go!" he said, and even her enthusiasm was held in check a moment by his pale face.

"Oh, I don't wish to drive you," she said, pettishly; "if you are content to vegetate for life in this misting heavily held. I suppose I can be formed and child "

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may be John." Nannie was not behind-hand and

opened the door quickly.

A tall brown bearded man stood upon the porch, who passed the old servant, and entered the room where Dora, with white cheeks, and startl d eyes, looked at him, then beyond him. Beyond him into beyond him. Beyond him into VACABLEY

"Tom! Tom! Where-wirere She could not frame the question, but her brother caught her wasted

figure in his arms, as she recled across the room to meet him. "I haue come alone, Dora!" he said. "There are but three men left

of all wto went from here."

These autumn leaves they had while to write, when, after so long

her to adoru the walls of their new 'The first shot killed John. He fell upon the grass beside me, gasping, 'Dora-tell Dora-farewell. I foryet twenty-five, with but a meagre give, and died. I have his letter education, and not given to dreams stained with his life blood. And I only, or all the party, escaped. I

> "The letter !" Dora whispered, "The letter !" !I have it here. And Dora, John's share of the gold will make

Dora did not hear him. With

diszy brain she was trying to read the letter that was John's dying

Sadly Tom kissed her, and motioning to Nannie left her, to hasten h meward Scant greeting he gave the love!

ed sister was reading her letter. In the deeparm chair, where Tom The first realization of what she had gently placed her, she rested, was giving up for a dream, came to still clasping the blood-stained letter Dora when she stood upon the plat- in her hands. But her eyes never orm of the rustic railway station, read the lines there, her heart b oke with Tom up in one side and John over the fata! news that her brother on the other, the former full of ex- brought. She never touched the ultation, with merry smile and gold for which she had widowed bright eyes, the latter grave and herself, she never heard the story stern, with lowering brow and set Tom had to tell of his wondrous escape. With her letter pressed to

'VEGETINE" leave this miserable farm and go to the city to live in a great house, with servants, carriages fine furniture. Oh, John!"

Dora had slipped from her perch upon her husband's knee, and stood before him, her little figure drawn

The could be rich. We could proaching train, his face softened, and he caught her in his arms.

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These white curtains Dora bad made in her first week of home life as his wife.

These autumn leaves they had gathered in their lover strols, and gathered in the county court bed in the county, court bed in moute question.

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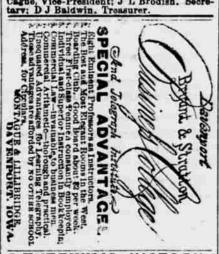
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